respect of which industrial licensing is compulsory. As a matter of policy the manufacture of asbestos-free products is being encouraged.

(b) In India, Asbestos Cement Sheets are usually used in building industry and these may not be considered to be health hazardous.

(c) Yes, Sir. Development Panel on Asbestos Products Industry submitted a report of the 'Committee on Health Hazard in Asbestos Products Industry' in 1985 and further submitted an interim report of expert group on substitution of asbestos fibre in various asbestos products in 1986. Since then number of units have come up for substitution of Asbestos Fibre by alternate fibres and the endeavour of the industry is in this direction.

CBI enquiry against CMD, Engineering Projects (India) Limited

1211. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any CBI enquiry was made against the present Chairman and Managing Director and Director Projects of Engineering Projects (India) Limited, a Government of India enterprise ;

(b) if so, the manner in which the cases were disposed off ; and

(c) whether Government propose to initiate investigation of the assets of certain General Managers both at the company's head office and at regional office at Calcutta ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Enquiries were closed by CBI after making investigation.

(c) The General Managers of Engineering Projects (India) Ltd. are holding below Board level post and hence are not under the administrative control of the Ministry.

Promotion Policy in Scooters India Limited

1212. SHRI SUSHIL BARONGPA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any promotion policy in the Scooters India Limited ; if so, the details thereof ;

(b) whether during the years 1982—90, there had been no promotions and in 1991 a number of promotions were made without merit ;

(c) whether the promotees of the year 1991 have been confirmed ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and by when they are likely to be confirmed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) : (a) Yes, Sir. The main features of the promotion policy are : promotion shall not be claimed as a matter of right by any employee ; the appointing authority shall determine the number of sanctioned vacancies to be filled during an year depending upon the requirement and work-load as well as to reward performance ; and the chief executive shall determine the source or sources of recruitment against these vacancies from time to time.

(b) No, Sir. The position regarding promotions given as per the promotion policy to the Officers/Staff/Workmen during 1982—January 1991 is as under :

Year	Officers	Staff	Workmen	Total
Jan. 1982	—	—	13	13
July 1982	40	65	—	105
Jan. 1983	—	—	255	255
Jan. 1991	18	55	86	159
TOTAL				532

(c) and (d) Out of the 1991 promotees, 15 officers, 50 staff members and 57 workmen have been confirmed. The cases of the rest will be considered in due course as per procedure.

Foreign equity component in joint ventures

1213. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the joint ventures to be taken up in the country that have been approved by the Government and what is the foreign equity component in each of these joint ventures ;

(b) what is the estimated foreign investment inflow as a result thereof ; and

(c) the extent to which the economic situation in the country is likely to be improved with these joint ventures ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.J. KURIEN) : (a) to (c) The number of foreign collaboration proposals envisaging direct investment by foreign companies in the form of enquity in Indian companies approved during the last three years and the total amount of foreign investment involved are as under :—

Year	No. of collaboration proposals approved envisaging direct foreign investment	Total amount of foreign investment envisaged (Rs. in crores)
1989	194	316.67
1990	194	128.32
1991	289	534.11

The details of approved foreign collaboration proposals viz., name of the Indian company, name of the foreign collaborator, the nature of collaboration and items of manufacture are published on a regular basis by the Indian Investment Centre, New Delhi as a supplement to its Monthly News Letter. Copies of these publications are sent regularly to the Parliament Library.

Foreign investment would bring attendant advantages of technology transfer, marketing expertise, introduction of modern managerial techniques and new possibilities for promotion of exports. In the changing global scenario of industrial and economic cooperation marked by mobility of capital, joint ventures would catalyse the formation of a more dynamic relationship between domestic and foreign industry in terms of both technology and investment.

Grant of ownership rights of flatted factories in Okhla

1214. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3901 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th March, 1992 and state :

(a) whether all the eligible units as on 31st Dec., 1991 have been offered ownership rights for flatted factories in Okhla by the Delhi Administration ;

(b) if not, the reasons thereof ; and

(c) by when they are likely to be offered ownership rights in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.J. KURIEN) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. According to Delhi Administration, no separate list of eligible units as on 31st December, 1991 was prepared. However, offers were sent in Dec. '91 to all such persons/units which were found eligible at the time of mooting the proposal in March, 1991. The terms and conditions of the offer have not been met by the concerned beneficiaries. There is no proposal for the present to grant benefit under this scheme as the same lapsed on 31-12-1991. The flatted factories